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CHEMOTHERAPEUTIC AGENTS, ESPECIALLY FOR SUBSTANCES USEFUL IN

DENTAL HYGIENE

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AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

5. (twice amended) The fiber of claim 4 in which the fiber has a core of a segmented polymer; the segmented polymer has soft segments and hard segments; the hard segments are selected from the group consisting of urethane, amide, imide, and mixtures thereof; and the hard segments are linked to the soft segments by covalent bonds.

- 17. (once amended) The fluoride-containing fiber of claim
  14 in which the fiber has:
  - a denier value in the range of 40 to 4,000;
  - a tensile strength higher than 0.5 grams per denier; and
  - a break elongation of at least 400%;

the fiber requiring a stress to elongate selected from the group consisting of 0.03 to 0.4 grams per denier to develop an elongation of 200% and 0.07 to 0.6 grams per denier to develop an